

Study Goals & Objectives

Goals

The goal of this study is to improve the transportation system on the west side of the City of Dover to better accommodate local travel movements by developing and evaluating alternatives to extend Saulsbury Road. The solutions considered must balance the need to improve transportation with the need to protect environmental and community resources and accommodate planned growth.

Objectives

Mobility/Congestion/Access

- Improve north-south travel options on the south and west sides of the City of Dover for residents and businesses in surrounding communities and neighborhoods.
- Reduce existing and future north-south traffic congestion on the south and west sides of Dover by providing additional capacity, where needed.
- Improve travel options for motor vehicle, pedestrian, transit, and bicycle access across Norfolk Southern Railroad.
- Enhance mobility to accommodate forecasted traffic growth due to current and future land development.
- Improve connections between neighborhoods, parks and businesses.
- Reduce the attractiveness of cutting through neighborhoods (through traffic).
- Discourage heavy vehicle through-movements on local streets.

Safety

- Maintain safety for all travelers, including pedestrians, bicyclists, vehicle drivers and transit riders.
- Improve accessibility of emergency services.

Land Use Planning, Economic Growth & Development

- Accommodate planned growth and the resulting traffic.
- Support economic growth and development.
- Maximize the compatibility of proposed transportation improvements with the comprehensive plans of Dover, Wyoming, Camden and Kent County and with the long-range plan of the Dover/Kent County MPO.
- Ensure that proposed transportation improvements are consistent with the *State Strategies for Policies and Spending* and other Livable Delaware initiatives.

Environment

- Avoid adverse affects to farmland, historic, archeological, and natural resources.
- Develop minimization and mitigation measures where avoidance is not feasible.
- Minimize adverse impacts on existing neighborhoods and communities.
- Comply with federal and state agency environmental and historic resource regulations and requirements.
- Protect against flooding.

Aesthetics

- Protect against adverse visual, light and noise impacts to neighborhoods, communities, parks, schools and businesses.
- Develop transportation improvements that reflect the character of the study area and that employ a full range of aesthetic options.

Public Outreach

- Provide a variety of forums to solicit broad public participation from a wide variety of perspectives as input into DeIDOT's decision-making process.
- Conduct stakeholder interviews, public workshops, meetings with communities, businesses, and interest groups, and use newspaper articles, a project website and other appropriate outreach techniques.
- Ensure that opportunities for public input are widely communicated.
- Provide the opportunity for soliciting, recording, and reviewing public comments at all public workshops and throughout the process.
- Secure stakeholder input regarding problems, concerns, community values and possible solutions before developing engineering alternatives to foster a context sensitive solutions approach to transportation improvements.
- Establish consensus regarding the best way to extend Saulsbury Road.

